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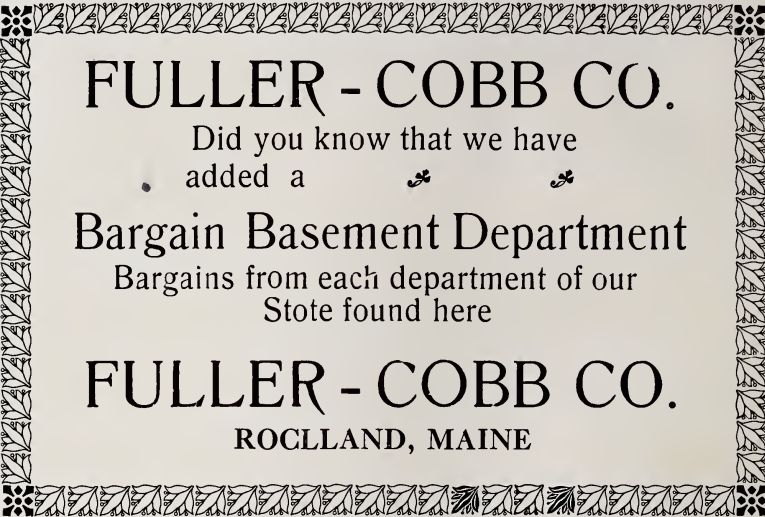
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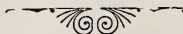
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Preface



This little book contains historical and biographical sketches, together with genealogies of some of the most prominent families, also the names of all the inhabitants of Matinecus and Crie-haven. It is illustrated with nine beautiful half tone engravings and two fine portraits.

We have also included a few pages of advertising, which are worth the reader's careful attention. To all those who have in any way contributed toward making this work a success, I am sincerely grateful.

ROBERT B. FILLMORE.





MATINICUS LIGHT

Take Good Care of the Light



Request of the dying lighthouse keeper
to his daughter

BY REV. E. S. UFFORD

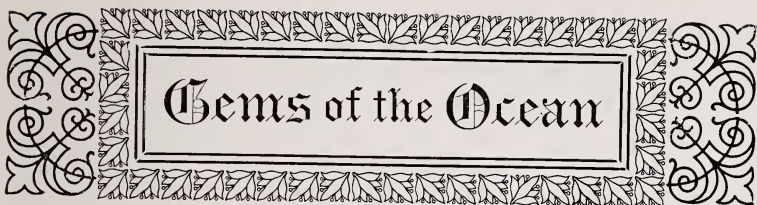
The ships are rising out of the sea,
Take good care of the light,
The sun has set and no stars I see,
Take good care of the light;
The freighted ships with their cargo dear,
Are drawing on to the harbor near,
And lest they from their course should steer,
Take good care of the light.

The wind is rising out of the sea,
Take good care of the light,
The breakers dash on the rocky lea,
Take good care of the light;
The rushing tide is inward bound,
The rising gale has a moaning sound,
O, some gallant ship may go aground,—
Take good care of the light.

Trim the wick in the lighthouse high,
Take good care of the light,
Lest its life-beams wane and die,
Take good care of the light;
A wakeful eye scans the waters o'er
For the welcome beacon on the shore,
My child, the tower I'll climb no more,
Take good care of the light.

Rise and watch till the break of day,
Take good care of the light,
Souls like ships may drift away,
Take good care of the light;
The oil of grace in the heart must shine,
Like a beacon bright with a boon divine,
For the love of Christ whose work is thine,
Take good care of the light.

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Gems of the Ocean

Matinicus Rock

SAILORS on approaching the Maine coast from the south, on or near the entrance to Penobscot Bay, will observe a picturesque group of islands, the smallest of which, and the farthest outside of any on the coast of Maine, is nothing more than a huge barren ledge of about thirty-two acres. On this rock are two light-house towers, two fog-whistles and several comfortable dwellings to accommodate the four light-house keepers and their families who appear happy and contented notwithstanding their environments.

The original Matinicus Rock light-station, erected in 1827, was a cobblestone dwelling with a wooden tower at each end. In 1847 these towers were removed, and a granite dwelling with semicircular towers was built. Since then it has developed into an establishment of considerable dimensions, requiring the services of a keeper and three assistants. The granite dwelling still stands, but the present station has two gray granite towers one hundred and eighty feet apart, and connected by a low covered passage; for in high winter storms it would be a hard scramble for the keepers to make their way from tower to tower in the open, not only on account of the wind, which often blows a hurricane, but also because of the heavy seas which break over the rock. Then there are the keepers' dwellings, a brick house with engines for operating two fog-whistles (one held in reserve, in case of accident to that in use) and, as a further precaution, a fog-bell swinging from a wooden pyramidal skeleton stand, a brick storehouse for oil, and the boat-house with a

timber-way slanting into the water, up which the boats are hoisted by a winch. The towers are ninety-five feet above the sea. The lights, classed as of the third order, are seen fifteen miles away. The rock where the towers stand is fifty feet above the sea and presents what seems to be a precipitous front to the ocean.

Following are the names of the light-house keepers:

Principal Keepers—William Young, Samuel Abbott, Samuel Burgess, John Grant, William Grant, James E. Hall, Mer-ton E. Tolman, Charles G. Dyer.

Assistant Keepers—Isaac Grant, John Grant, jr., Jarvis Grant, Mary Grant, N. Perry, L. Abbott, William Stanley, T. A. Wallace, L. Norwood, A. A. Norton, George A. Lewis, Charles Burgess, Elmer Holbrook, Harold Hutchins, G. C. Wallace, J. H. Upton, A. M. Mitchell, G. W. C. Studley, George D. Lee, Frank O. Hilt.

Many deeds of heroism and adventure could be written of the keepers of the Rock and their families since the light was first established. The following incident taken from the *Century Magazine* of June, 1897, is among the most interesting:

"Several of the storms that have whirled over Matinicus Rock have tried the fortitude of the little band of faithful watchers upon it. One of these watchers, Abby Burgess, has become famous in our light-house annals, not only for long service, but also for bravery displayed on various occasions. Her father was keeper of the Rock from 1853 to 1861. In January, 1856, when she was seventeen years old, he left her in charge of the lights while he crossed to Matinicus Island. His wife was an invalid, his son was away on a cruise, and his other four children were little girls. The following day it began to "breeze up;" the wind increased to a gale, and soon developed into a storm almost as furious as that which carried away the tower on Minot's Ledge in 1851. Before long the seas were sweeping over the rock. Down among the boulders was a chicken-coop which

Abby feared might be carried away. On a lonely ocean outpost like Matinicus Rock, a chicken is regarded with affectionate interest, and Abby, solicitous for the safety of the little coop, waited her chance, and when the seas fell off a little, rushed knee-deep through the swirling water, and rescued all but one of the chickens. She had hardly closed the door of the dwelling behind her when a sea, breaking over the rock, brought down the old cobblestone house with a crash.

"While the storm was at its height, the waves threatened the granite dwelling, so that the family had to take refuge in the towers for safety; and here they remained, with no sound to greet them from without but the roaring of the wind around the lanterns, and no sight but the sea sheeting over the rock. Yet through it all the lamps were trimmed and lighted. Even after the storm abated, the reach between the rock and Matinicus Island was so rough that Capt. Burgess could not return until four weeks later.

"In 1861 Capt. Burgess retired from Matinicus, Capt. Grant and his family succeeding him. And now the grim old wave-rent rock became the scene of as pretty a romance as could be devised. A son of Capt. Grant had been appointed assistant to his father, and Capt. Burgess had left Abby on the rock to instruct the new comers. Young Grant proved a very apt pupil—so apt that he was soon able not only to take care of the lights, but also to persuade his instructress to let him take care of her. She became his wife and his helpmate in a double sense, for not long after their marriage she was appointed an assistant keeper. When she was married she had lived on the rock eight years, and she remained there until 1875 when her husband was appointed keeper and she assistant keeper, of the light on White Head, an island separated from the mainland only by a narrow channel. Isaac H. Grant, who married Abby Burgess, holds a silver medal from the United States government for rescuing two men from drowning while he was keeper at White Head."



CRIEHAVEN WATERFRONT

Criehaven



THE nearest land to the Rock is Criehaven, a much larger island, formerly known as Ragged Island on account of its rugged appearance. Until 1896 it was a part of Martinicus, when it was incorporated as a separate plantation. In this same year a steamer began making semi-weekly trips and a postoffice was established with Horatio Crie as Postmaster, who was succeeded by his brother Eben Crie, the present postmaster. The island was formerly owned by Henry Brookman, a native of Sweden, who purchased it from the Indians, and the late Robert F. Crie bought it of him in 1879. It comprises about three hundred acres—one-fifth of which is owned by Mrs. Fred Rhodes, a daughter of Mr. Crie. The resident population during the winter is about fifty, in the summer time it is much larger, as Criehaven is fast becoming a popular summer resort.



HILLSIDE FARM

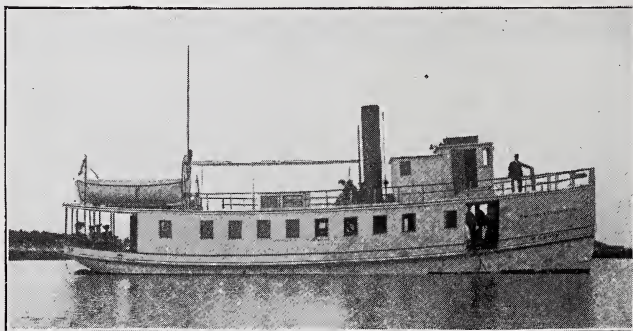
One of the chief attractions of the place is "Hillside Farm" owned by Fred S. Rhodes, who with his brothers is engaged in an extensive grocery business in Boston where they now run four large stores. In 1914 Mr. Rhodes will retire from business and devote his entire time to making Criehaven one of the most attractive summer resorts in this section. He has already erected several fine cottages which are equipped with all the modern conveniences, and has completed one of the most approved artesian wells to be found in this vicinity. It is 216 feet deep, of six-inch bore in the solid ledge, and with the large wind-mill and tank which holds 10,000 gallons is capable of supplying the whole island with never failing pure water. The drilling of the well alone cost \$1300, the work being done by Turner & Savage and the tanking and piping by E. E. Jameson of Warren. The grounds about "Hillside Farm" are laid out in a charming manner, the walks being beautified on either side by flowers of choice varieties.

On the bluff looking toward Matinicus is the Haines cottage, which is certainly a novel site for an artist. It is attractively constructed commanding a fine view of the ocean and many other points of interest.

There is a neat little school-house on the island in which religious services are held every Sunday.

Among the industries are farming, poultry and sheep-raising. About three hundred sheep are owned by Eben W. Crie who is also proprietor of the general store. The chief industry is fishing. The fishermen are prosperous and make a good living, most of them owning their own homes which are in attractive locations. They are also of the most ingenious nature many of them building their own motor boats, which are handsomely modeled. Peter Mitchell, a Dane, is a skillful boat builder. He has followed the fishing business on this island for the past twenty years. Before settling on Criehaven he was with the Red Star Line for three years, having crossed the Atlantic forty-five times.

The steamer "W. G. Butman," commanded by Captain



STEAMER W. G. BUTMAN

Butman, makes three round trips per week from Rockland to Matinicus & Criehaven between May 1 and November 1, and


two trips per week during the winter. Efforts are now being made to secure appropriations from the government for building a breakwater to protect the boats and wharves along the shore from the violence of the sea.

On February 2, 1908, a great storm occurred which carried away the steamboat wharf and did much damage to the fishermen, destroying nearly all their lobster traps and fishing gear. The following season a substantail steamboat wharf was built.

Dr. Edwin W. Gould, who remained at Criehaven several months during the winter of 1900, on locating in Rockland to practice his profession established a carrier pigeon service between the Island of Criehaven and his office. This was the pioneer attempt to utilize carrier pigeons for the relief of the sick, and attracted world wide attention as inquiries relating to this novel service were received by Dr. Gould from many different points, one from far away New Zealand. The carrier pigeons were cared for at Criehaven by Mr. Horatio D. Crie's, family and at the time of Capt. Robert Crie's last sickness when a fierce storm was raging in consequence of which all communication with the Main was cut off, a carrier pigeon was sent on its sad mission arriving at the home loft in about one hour from time of liberation; a tiny note, brought by the exhausted bird gave the world the news of the Grey Angel's visit to the Crie family.

With the dangerous calling of the inhabitants, all being fishermen, there have been very few deaths by drowning.

About the time of Robert Crie's demise, Capt. Albert Hall started in his sloop boat for the Main and nothing was ever seen or heard from him again and a few years later Ed. Higgins went to pull his lobster traps and failed to return and nothing was given up by the waters to give a clue to his fate.



Captain Albert Hall



CAPT. Albert Hall went to Tenants Harbor from Criehaven October 3, 1900, in his sloop boat "Wild Rose" and left Tenants Harbor on the return trip about 8:30 a. m. Friday, October 5, with six bushels of clams on board and was never heard from. While it was foggy and somewhat stormy, and he had no compass in his boat, it seems probable that his death was more likely due to sickness and subsequent shipwreck resulting from inability to manage his boat, rather than to stormy weather, as he complained about trouble with his head before leaving Tenants Harbor. He had no small boat with him and the sloop might have struck on one of the sunken ledges and he lost his life by drowning, but this would not seem probable unless he had become unconscious or weak from illness or unless there was a thick fog, as he knew the coast well.

On June 17, 1901 when Judson Young of Matinicus was hauling his lobster traps some of them got caught in the rigging of Capt. Hall's sloop and the mast and main boom were hauled up by Matinicus fishermen. This was near the "Coombs Spot" about two miles west southwest of Ragged Island. Afterwards about eight feet of the boat's hull, her stem, bow sprit, gaff and rigging were hauled up and as there is about twenty fathoms of water at the place where these portions of the craft were found it was thought that the boat must have gone to pieces somewhere else, in shoaler water, and this much of her been carried out into deeper water.

Capt. Albert Hall was born in Hope, Maine, April 4, 1831. His parents were Ezekial Hall and Jane (Kendall) Hall. While he was quite young they moved to Rockland. He commenced following the sea in early manhood and had the command of several vessels. He married in 1853, Frances, daughter of Dodge Bowers, of Camden. They had three children, William Herbert (who became a successful business man) of Providence, Rhode Island, Mary Frances (who died young) and Miss Alice J. Hall (who resides in Boston). After retiring from the sea Capt. Hall was in business in East Boston, Mass., for some years. On March 29, 1892, he purchased a farm at West Rockport, November 2, 1896, preferring a life near the ocean to one in the country, he sold his farm and engaged in the fishing business at Criehaven. He built two cottages and continued to reside there until his death, in October, 1900, (elsewhere mentioned). He was a member of the Baptist church in Rockport and was much interested in Sunday school and religious services. Through his generosity the Sunday school at Criehaven was given the use of a nice organ.

Capt. Hall was much respected by all who knew him, was tax collector of Criehaven at the time of his death, and of considerable business ability. He was a good, honest man and respectable citizen.





Robert F. Crie



ROBERT F. Crie was born at Matinicus, January 11, 1826, the son of John Crie and Sally (Emery) his wife. He married Harriet A. Hall, November 23, 1848. She was the daughter of George Washington Hall, and was born at Camden, October 30, 1829, her mother's name being Elizabeth Burgess.

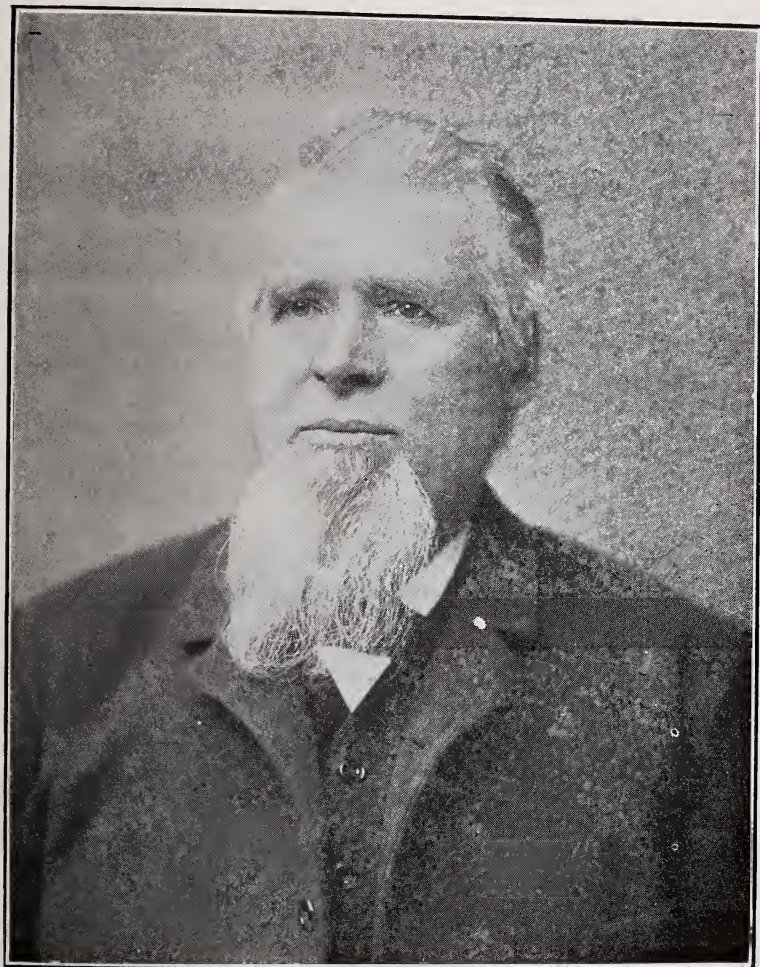
Five children were born to them as follows: John Emery, born May 12, 1857, married Nancy Dunton; Eben William, born December 24, 1854, unmarried; Charlotte Jameson, born March 23, 1858, married Fred S. Rhodes; Frank Leslie, born July 17, 1862, married Madge Remy; Horatio Dunton, born July 9, 1870, married Mabel Packard. These children are all living, as is their mother, but Mr. Crie died June 25, 1901.

In the winter of 1848 Robert Frank Crie and wife, nee Harriet A. Hall, went to Ragged Island and started housekeeping in a log camp. Through the winter he cut and hewed the timber for a house and in the spring of '49 erected the Crie homestead. Several additions have been made to the house since then.

They lived together there fifty-three years, all of their married life. Five children were born to them.

They were a contented, prosperous family; in 1879 he owned the whole island. In 1896, all of the children with their wives and husbands and their children, lived there too.

Mr. Crie was a conscientious, kind hearted gentleman, honest in all his dealings and always thoughtful for the welfare of others. Besides being engaged in fishing, sheepraising and farming, Mr. Crie for many years kept a general store at Criehaven.



ROBERT F. CRIE

Inhabitants of Criehaven



Names and ages of the inhabitants of Criehaven, October, 1911.

Anderson—Carl A., born April 25, 1857; Annie E., born March 27, 1858; Charlie F., born August 28, 1893; Raymond L., born June 9, 1891; John W., born November 27, 1885; Zella M., (Hupper); Helen E., born 1906; Kenneth W., born 1908; Nicholas J., born 1911.

Alves—J. G., born May 12, 1847; Mary (Morris) born March 9, 1875.

Crie—John E., born May 12, 1851; Nancy A., born October 24, 1846; Eben W., born December 24, 1854; Harriet Hall, born October 30, 1829; Robert F., January 11, 1826.

Dorr—Ralph E., born March 7, 1877; Nora (Byrns) born February 28, 1880; Warren B., born September 28, 1904; Madeline, born July 20, 1910

Enickson—John, born August 23, 1867; Frederika Safstrom, born June 4, 1865; Fredrick Bernhard, born July 7, 1887.

Mitchell—Peter C., born October 15, 1871; Helen (Swenson) born October 22, 1883; Cecilia A., born November 16, 1908.

McClure—Herbert J., born May 29, 1868; Annie M. (Burns), born November 29, 1872, died April 23, 1910; Harry V., born October 24, 1893; Gladys May, born January 31, 1902.

Rhodes—Fred S., born April 23, 1855; Lottie (Crie), born March 23, 1858; Edith M., born July 6 1887; Olive C., born May 21, 1899.

Simpson—A. L., born 1856; Lena, born 1861; Guy L., born May 6, 1900; Fred, born August 22, 1860; Lizzie (Cole), born August 4, 1867; Ellis G., born September 1, 1890; Ruby L., born May 14, 1895; Roy V., born December 19, 1897; Margaret E., born September 14, 1901; Lottie W., born September 1, 1903; William Ernest, born September 7, 1905.



VIEW FROM HILLSIDE FARM

Matinicus



THE largest and most important of this group of islands is Matinicus, situated 18 miles south by east from Rockland, and 60 miles east from Portland. It is nearly two and one-half



MATINICUS HARBOR

miles long and about a mile wide. On the western side the land is low with beautiful, sloping green fields and would remind one somewhat, on approaching, of the out-lying islands which

are called "keys", along the West India coast. The eastern shore is rugged and bold, with a picturesque little harbor—Wheaton's Island forming the southeastern side—a shallow passage separating it from the main island. The shore is lined with cottages, fish houses and wharves. The breakwater is on the northern side. This part of the island is quite well wooded with evergreen trees.

At this time there are about 50 families scattered all over the island, comprising a population of nearly 200. The natives are thrifty and industrious and own pleasant and comfortable homes, which are well kept and furnished with the modern conveniences.

Most of the inhabitants are engaged in lobster fishing but considerable attention is paid to farming. There is also some commercial business and boat-building. A large store owned by Henry Young & Co. is well stocked with supplies to meet the general needs of the people. The present proprietor is W. Scott Young, the genial postmaster. The Gorton-Pew Co. of Gloucester, Mass., carries on an extensive business in buying and shipping fish. Bradbury Young and Edwin H. Ripley are boat-builders and mechanics. Herbert Libby, formerly of Rockland, barber. Thomas Hall, manufacturer of oil clothes, has a fine little building where he furnishes oil suits and other supplies for lobster fishermen. George Belcher, machinist, former resident of Lynn, Mass., is kept busy most of the time repairing gasoline engines and other machinery. Marshall Ripley is cooper, farmer and lobster-fisherman, always busy and ready to assist all who come his way.

The Government has recently built a breakwater at a cost of \$13,000, which is a great protection for the many fine boats in the harbor. As fine a fleet of boats as can be found in any harbor is owned by Matinicus fishermen, the aggregate worth of



THE BREAKWATER

which is doubtless not less than \$30,000. The staunch little steamer W. G. Butman carries the mail, passengers and freight, making the round trips on the same days as at Criehaven.

The first regular mail service was established in 1852, by Lewis Ames, schooner *Leader*, who ran mail one year—discontinued because route did not pay. Re-established in 1874 by Capt. Henry Philbrook, schooner *Everett*, ran five years. Schooner *Julia Fairbanks* for ten years, followed by Capt H. Smith, F. S. Young and W. G. Butman.

It has a fine school building, a new church and K. P. hall. The Knights of Pythias and Good Templars are flourishing societies.



K. of P. HALL, MATINICUS

Very little has been written concerning the early history of the island. The first records show that in 1728, William Vaughn, one of the most prominent merchants of New England, then residing at Damariscotta, came to Matinicus and established a fishing station, employing several vessels. There are still landmarks on the island, said to be the place where his buildings once stood, also the remains of an old wharf, the scene of the early activities. These fishing stations were abandoned and we can learn nothing more relating to the local history until the year when Ebenezer Hall, the first settler, removed from Portland to Matinicus. Following is the full account of his massacre by the Indians, with genealogy of the family.

Early Matinicus History



The Island's First Settler and His Tragic Taking off by the Indians

EBENEZER Hall lived at what is called the Back Cove, Portland, Me. There he raised three children, two daughters and one son Ebenezer by name. The girls married. One wedded a man by the name of Proctor, the other a man by the name of Allen and moved back into the country in the town of Falmouth.

Shortly after this the mother died and Mr. Hall married a widow by the name of Green. She had three children, one son by the name of Daniel and two daughters. The boy was 14 years of age and the girls 9 and 7. Mr Hall then with his family moved to the Island of Matinicus, it being at the close of the French and English war, at which time the English took the Canadas and Nova Scotia from the French. He then built a stone house which he could use as a fort for protection from the Indians. The French, who were allied with the Indians, offered a bounty for the scalp of every white man they killed, whereupon a band of six Indians went to the Island and camped about thirty feet south of the house between two granite ledges, on a plat of grass about eight feet wide.

Then they besieged the dwelling. Mr Hall barred the door to keep them out and was obliged to stay there nearly a week, surrounded by them. In their determination to capture him and his family, they sent fire arrows into the roof and burned it. As fast as it took fire Mr. Hall would take a pole and push off the burning rafters so they would not fall within the walls of

the house and at the same time his son shooting with a gun whenever an opportunity offered. At last the ammunition of the Indians was nearly exhausted and in their desire to lengthen out their supply, they cut their lead bullets in two and as a decoy one of the Indians, who had in his gun the last half bullet, went up back of the house and took a position overlooking it and prepared to discharge his gun at Mr. Hall whenever he should show his head above the wall of the house. The other Indians made what noise they could, walking over the pebbly shore and hauling their canoe after them. Mr. Hall hearing the noise that they were making and thinking that they had given up their hope and were leaving the island, climbed up and looked over the side of the house facing the shore, when the Indian back of the house brought his gun to his shoulder and shot him through the head and he fell back into the room dead. When his wife realized that he was killed and she left without a protector, she screamed for quarter and the Indians hearing her, rushed up from the beach and said "Your Sannah (being interpreted husband) will not give any quarter." She said "my husband is dead." They immediately broke in the door and proceeded to bind the mother and the two girls, removing the scalp of Mr. Hall. The boy Daniel had escaped by the back window and hidden in the woods back of the house in the underbrush. The Indians took the mother and the two girls in their canoes and after sinking one of the fishing boats that lay in the harbor proceeded to Canada. The boy after remaining hidden several hours and feeling satisfied that the Indians had given up the hunt for him and had gone emerged from his hiding place and looking around upon the situation, espied a fishing vessel lying at anchor off in the bay. Finding half a canoe he paddled off from the shore and when he had proceeded a proper distance from the shore, he took his paddle and placing his coat upon it, signalled to the vessel. Seeing him they came to his aid and ascertaining his wants, came on shore and helped him bury his

father. He then returned to the schooner and sailed to the Fox Islands, where the schooner belonged.

The evening previous to the final attack the Indians built a fire just below the house and proceeded to get their supper. They took some corn and pounded it in a mortar and then cooked it. They then emptied it out of the kettle into a large dish and seated themselves around it and with their spoons all ate from the dish. Mr. Hall seeing them all busy eating, wanted to take Daniel and three good guns they had loaded and creed out of the back window to where he could get in range of them. There he thought he could kill them all, but his wife in terror seized him and would not let him go. At the first opportunity Mrs. Hall made her escape from the Indians and returned to the Island and later married in Boston. Her two daughters were still held by the Indians but years afterwards were seen with them in one of their visits to the island and being recognized by their brother, he sought an interview, but they had become so accustomed to the wild life of the forest they declined to take but little notice of him. The next day he went to have a second talk with them, hoping to induce them to return to civilized life but it was of no avail.

In subsequent years Daniel took up and settled on what is now known as Green Island, lying south of Carver's Harbor. He married a Miss Young of Old York, a sister of Susannah Young of the same place. At the time of this murder and the committing of these outrages by the Indians, Mr. Hall's son Ebenezer, was away fishing in one of his father's boats in the vicinity of Halifax, N. S. When he returned he found his father was dead and the island forsaken. He then proceeded to Boston with his fare of fish and on the passage up he put into Old York for a harbor. There he formed the acquaintance of Susannah Young, whom he afterwards married. They came to Pemaquid and lived in the block house instead of returning to Matinecus on account of the French and Indian war and the

hostilities against the whites. While there Mrs. Hall and another woman while driving cows from the pasture were followed by the Indians and barely escaped death from the bullets.

After peace was declared Mr. Hall and wife returned to Matinicus and lived there many years and raised fifteen children their names being: Hannah, born September 11, 1759; Mary, born August 25, 1761; Susannah, born May 10, 1763; Jane, born March 4, 1765; Ebenezer, born February 15, 1767; Margret, born March 9, 1769; Patience, born February 14, 1771; Sally, born February 9, 1773; Charity, born December 1, 1775; James, born January 26, 1777; John, born December 25, 1778; Abigail, born March 6, 1781; George, born May 3, 1783; David, born January 30, 1786; Betsey, born May 30, 1788. Ebenezer Hall, 3d, born March 19, 1735, died February 14, 1813, buried on Matinicus; Susannah Young Hall, his wife, born March 9, 1724, died December 9, 1831. After the death of her husband she came to live with her son John Hall and is buried in the old cemetery at the "Head of the Bay" South Thomaston.

Capt. Hiram Hall is the owner of an iron kettle that was left on Matinicus in 1757 by his great great grandfather Ebenezer Hall, who was killed by the Indians.

Ebenezer Hall, 3d, died February 14, 1814, age 78 years, 11 months, 9 days. His father Ebenzer, 2d, was killed by the Indians on Matinicus in 1757. His wife, Mrs. Hall, a lady of remarkable beauty and many accomplishments, was captured with her two daughters, after her husband had been killed. They were carried to Canada, where they were separated. Mrs. Hall was eventually ransomed. But this unhappy woman, notwithstanding her life long endeavors, could never obtain the least knowledge of her children or their fate. The father of the above Ebenezer was probably one of three brothers that came from England. He was a lieutenant in the English army and was present in the battle of Mines at the siege of Louisburg and was wounded and died at Annapolis, Nova Scotia.

The above was taken from Abbott's History of Maine.

A Novel Wedding



When Ebenezer Hall lived on Matinicus, a great many years ago, there lived in the family a girl by the name of Dorcas Young, a sister to Hall's wife. Joseph Greene was paying his addresses to Dorcas at the time. One night Hall invited some fishermen up to the house, so he said to Greene, "Joe, don't you and Dorcas want to get married?" "I don't know," says Joe. He started for the cow yard where Dorcas was milking the cows, and asked her if she thought they had better get married, that night. "Why Joe," says Dorcas, "I have not got any wedding gown." "Never mind the gown," says Joe, so they went into the house, Dorcas washed herself, put on a clean apron, stood up, and they were married, there being a justice of the peace among the crowd.

The descendants of Ebenezer Hall, who was killed by the Indians, formed a reunion association in 1906 and have raised money and purchased a bronze tablet, which will be set in the rock at or near the spot where Mr. Hall was killed, near what is now Henry Young and Company's store. The stone which formed the base of the chimney of Hall's house is located in front of the store and the ledge behind which the Indians were concealed is but a few yards distant.

The tablet bears the following inscription:

"Ebenezer Hall. The first white settler on Matinicus Isle, Maine, killed by the Indians, June 6, 1757."

Matinicus was a part of Vinalhaven until October 22, 1840, when it was legally incorporated as a plantation. The following officers were chosen: Clerk, Freeman Hall; 1st Assessor, Freeman Hall, 2nd Assessor, Tolman Young; 3d Assessor, John Burgess.

The present town officials, elected March 3, 1913, are—Clerk, F. R. E. Philbrook; Assessors, W. Scott Young, C. H. Ring and Y. Ames.

In the election of 1911, when the question of retaining the constitutional amendment was submitted to the people, Matinicus stood 38 to 2, in favor of prohibition.

Many of the young people of the island have taken high rank both as students and teachers. Those who are attending school out of town at present are: Milton Philbrook, Harold and Katherine Ames, who will graduate next year from Hebron Academy, and Miss Hazel Young, who is a student at Northfield Seminary.

The names of the veterans who nobly responded to their country's call at the beginning of the Civil War are given below:

In 2nd Maine Battery—R. Fred Crie, Henry E. Hall, Edril Smith, Nathaniel Condon. In the Navy: Trafton Abbott, William G. Grant, Lewis Burgess, Edril Smith. The only survivor of this little company of brave men who went forth to help defend the flag, is Lewis Burgess, now 73 years of age. His sons are, Charles Burgess, keeper of Brown's Head Light, and Orrin Burgess of Matinicus.

Several small islands form a part of the group, the largest of which is Wooden Ball, about three miles east from Matinicus, a low barren island of about 40 acres. Ten Pound island and Norman's land, an island of 15 acres, one mile from Matinicus. This island is inhabited by thousands of gulls, which may be seen and heard for a long distance as they circle about the rocks, where they make their nests.

Matinicus Church



ON the opposite page is printed a picture of the beautiful little church, which was built in 1905 and dedicated in June, 1906. The following account of the dedicatory service and history of the growth of the church during the past century is taken in part from the *Courier-Gazette*:

The exercises of dedication consisted of an invocation by Rev. E. M. Cousins of Thomaston; responsive reading, led by Rev. I. A. Flint of Warren; sermon by W. B. Hague, text John 11:16, "And they shall become one flock, one shepherd." Theme, "Christian Unity"; dedicatory prayer, Rev. L. D. Evans of Camden; historical and financial statements; addresses by Rev. Charles Harbutt of Portland, secretary of the Maine Missionary Society; Rev. J. H. Quint of Rockland, and each of the ministers named above. These parts of the services were interspersed with hearty singing and all closed with singing "God be with you till we meet again"; and the benediction by Secretary Harbutt. The house and equipment seem to be complete for every use of people and church even to the beautiful aluminum individual communion set, a gift from a member of the Eliot church of Lowell, Mass.

Matinicus has no traceable written record of an early church. In the memory of her oldest inhabitants such a church exists as a more or less vague reality and in the record of the Baptist church of Rockland it appears that a branch of that church was organized on Matinicus Island in the year 1808. Nor do we know of any resident pastor up to about the year 1850, when the Methodist Home Missionary Society sent one Abram Plummer, who lived and preached here several years,

honored and loved. He was succeeded by one Joel Adams, who served acceptably for a number of years, and he in turn by one John Plummer, a son of Abram Plummer.

Then again for many years the island was pastorless and without preaching, save as from time to time some journeying pastor might take his way thither.

But during none of these years was God left without witnesses in Matinicus—her “Deacon Crie” and her “Deacon Burgess” are familiar and respected names, and to a later generation the faithfulness of “Uncle Lewis” Ames and Mrs.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MATINICUS

Amanda Howard, particularly in the Sunday School stands out as a holy and saving influence. Who shall say they are not all present with us rejoicing as with clear vision they see the full import of this day?

In the year 1889 was organized on Matinicus a Christian Endeavor society, which with the Sunday school held together the religious life of the island up to the time of the organization of this present church in May, 1904.

In the year 1897 the M. M. S. took up the work and sent student preachers for several summers to all of whom the island is indebted for much earnest labor. At about this time, several services were held by an evangelist of the Advent Christian church, Mrs. Clapp, now Mrs. Quinn of Gray, Maine, and the good work accomplished through her efforts made a deep and lasting impression on the community. Then came a time when there was felt a need of work of a more aggressive character. The M. M. S. was acquainted with this felt need and, alert to supply it, sent its general missionary, Rev. W. B. Hague, to whose coming under God we largely owe all that we are and have as a church to-day. He first came to the island March, 22, 1904. On May 8th was completed the organization of the church; on May 16 it was constituted a body corporate under the laws of the state; was given formal recognition by a council of the neighboring churches on June 2; and on June 8 was received into the fellowship of Lincoln conference.

The church entered upon its second year bright with hope and promise when Dr. J. M. Greene of Lowell, Mass., volunteering his services to the M. M. S. was assigned to Matinicus. But in a brief space of time, just when all Matinicus had come to reverence him and when the church recognized the possibilities before it under his leadership, God in His mysterious providence said "this work among you is done." Now we wait for him whom God shall send to continue his work.

Simultaneous with a movement toward church organization was a movement toward a church building and in the autumn of the same year was begun the soliciting of financial aid for this purpose. So heartily came the responses that July 11th of the following year saw begun the foundation of the

church building which at the beginning of the new year stood complete and which with grateful hearts we dedicate to-day.

Since the above church history was written, Rev. Wm. H. McBride has been called as pastor, serving the church faithfully for several years. His successor was Rev. James H. Peardon, a talented and popular preacher. He resigned the pastorate in the fall of 1912. The church is hoping to call a pastor soon. A great opportunity for Christian work is presented in this worthy parish.



SCHOOL HOUSE MATINICUS

Above is a picture of the Matinicus Schoolhouse, which was probably built about 1850. In 1903 the interior was remodelled making an attractive schoolroom with up to date improvements. It is now classed with the schools of Thomaston and Camden, under the charge of Supt. Packard, who is careful in his selection of teachers usually employing Normal school graduates.



HENRY YOUNG, ESQ.



Henry Young



HENRY Young, esq., a prominent citizen of Knox county, who has been for some years a resident of Rockland, spent most of his life in Matinicus. Mr. Young was born at Camden, Me., December 28, 1822, the son of Rufus and Sally (Carver) Young. He was married January 25, 1854, to Julia F. Fairbanks, born April 7, 1831, daughter of Benjamin F. and Mary (Kendall) Fairbanks of Hope, Maine. The children of Mr. Young are as follows:

Mary F., born January 1, 1855, married John J. Dunbar, resides at Winslow, Maine.

Harriet P., born November 22, 1856, married Herbert J. Keith, resides in Somerville, Mass.

Helen M., born October 23, 1858, married John F. Howard, resides in Winslow, Maine.

Caroline F., born October 22, 1859, died March 23, 1897.

Lincoln H., born October 13, 1860, resides in Glencove, Me.

Ernest A., born March 11, 1862, resides at Matinicus, Maine.

Winfield S., born October 3, 1863, resides at Matinicus, Maine.

Jennie P., born October 28, 1864, married Leonard H. Rhodes, Boston, Mass.

Lenora D., born December 25, 1865, died October 24, 1880.

Ada B., born May 19, 1867, resides in Rockland, Me.

Harry W., born October 6, 1871, resides in Southboro, Mass.

Alena L., born July 23, 1874, resides in Rockland, Maine.

Mr. Young was educated in Camden and was a successful school teacher for a number of years previous to his marriage. After his marriage he settled at Matinicus, the home of his parents, where he was engaged in farming, curing fish, and trading. He was very successful in all his business undertakings. Energetic, straightforward, honest in all his dealings, he built up a thriving trade at the place of business now occupied by his son W. Scott Young.

A large stone wharf that is now used as a steamboat landing, and occupied in the summer season by a Gloucester fish company, who are doing an extensive business, was built by Mr. Young.

He served as Post Master for a great many years and got for Matinicus its present mail service. He has always been for building up his town and has taken a deep interest in the welfare of its citizens. Although he has reached the advanced age of 90, he still takes great pleasure in travelling back and forth from the main—a distance of 18 miles—to visit his old home and many friends.

Esquire Young has held the commission of Justice of the Peace for 45 years. In that period, sixty-five couples have been united in marriage by him, none of which have ever been separated except by death.

Mr. Young has held the office of Dedimus Justice since 1857. He was a member of the Maine Legislature in '51-2. Voted for the first Neal Dow Maine Law, and has always been a staunch supporter of the temperance cause.



Reuben Reed Crie



Reuben Fred Crie was born at Matinicus June 5, 1841, a son of Reuben L. and Mercy (Young) Crie. When a young man he came to Rockland and clerked in H. H. Crie's hardware store. When the Civil War broke out he returned to the island, where he was married August 10, 1862, to Floretta Tolman. Three days later he enlisted as private in the 2d Maine battery and went directly to the front. He went into an engagement on the morning after his arrival and was with the battery in all its fighting until June 16, 1865, when he was discharged with the rank of 2d lieutenant. He was a brave soldier and never shirked a duty no matter how arduous or unpleasant it might be. When the war was over Lieut. Crie resumed his duties as clerk in H. H. Crie's store, where he was admitted to partnership one year later. The firm subsequently received another addition in the person of R. Y. Crie. The subject of this sketch sold his interest in the store about 1873 and for the ensuing two years was again a resident of Matinicus. When he once more returned to the mainland it was to establish a grocery and fishermen's supplies store in Jones block. J. T. Hall of Matinicus was taken into partnership sometime after and the firm removed to the store in Glover block now occupied by the W. H. Glover Co. The firm at this time was known as R. Fred Crie & Co. Mr. Hall retired in the early 90s and Mr. Crie himself bade farewell to mercantile life in 1894. That year he was appointed inspector of the Rockland breakwater job, which was then less

than one-quarter done. For several seasons he was inspector of the Bar Harbor breakwater job, but was again transferred to Rockland. He had oversight, also, of dredging operations in the harbors of Rockland, Thomaston, Camden and New Harbor. His last active work was in the summer and fall of 1907 when he inspected the Bar Harbor and Newburyport breakwater jobs. It was while at New Harbor in 1906 that he was critically ill with heart trouble, and he had looked forward to an early death from that cause. About a week before his death Mr. Crie was taken ill with what seemed to be an attack of pleurisy. It developed into pneumonia, which was the primary cause of his death, March 12, 1908.

He was a most excellent citizen, brave and loyal in his defense of his country during its darkest hours, upright and square dealing in all his business transactions, and capable and conscientious in the discharge of the high trust which the government imposed upon him. "You cannot say anything too good about him," is the way one of his old Grand Army comrades put it, and the friends who knew and loved him will say amen to that sentiment.

Mrs. Crie was born September 10, 1842, at Matinicus, she being the daughter of Isaac Tolman and Susan (Crie) his wife. She now lives with her son Edwin Hall Crie, who was born in Rockland, May 20, 1870, and married Margaret Smith January 2, 1893.

Names and ages of the inhabitants of Matinicus:

Abbott—John F., born November 25, 1879; Otis H., born September 1, 1849; Emeline H., born August 28, 1855.

Ames—Henrietta H., born June 16, 1862; Walter B., born August 14, 1886; Carrie E. (Ring) born April 8, 1884; Louise A., born February 23, 1908; Frank W., born July 18, 1868; Adella A. (Philbrook) born November 8, 1875; Catherine G., born August 13, 1894; Harold E., born April 18, 1896; Edwin L., born May 27, 1899; Austin

Ames—M., born May 17, 1905; Oscar F., born November 11, 1887; Grace E. (Trask) born September 26, 1885; Henry J., born April 24, 1856; Etta W., born March 5, 1862; Julia E., born March 30, 1903; Weston G., born December 13, 1864; Hattie M. (Ryder) born October 3, 1871; Stuart T., born February 9, 1890; Alice L., born February 6, 1892; Lyford E., born November 6, 1899; George A., born November 20, 1888; Esther (Shapleigh), born December 2, 1889; Fred J., born November 20, —; Flora (Berry), born October 23, —; Orren W., born September 19, 1905; Crosby B., born September 8, 1911; Wilmer, born June 28, 1853; Isabel F. (Smith), born December 29, 1854; Weston L., born May 18, 1887; Evelyn L., born September 15, 1895; Lavon S., born February 27, 1899; Everett E., born October 5, 1883; Virginia D. (Thompson), born January 18, 1887; Madeline G., born March 18, 1904; Roland W., born July 6, 1907; Elmer E., born October 24, 1890.

Belcher—George H., born July 20, 1870; Nellie J., (Patch) born February 12, 1877; Evelyn G., born April 1, 1903;

Belcher—Sarah F., (Kincaid), born February 24, 1838.

Burgess—Orrin F., age 40; Lulu (Thompson), age 28; Esther M., age 9; Lena G., age 5; Lewis A., born August 20, 1840.

Babson—Lizetta A. (Burgess), born May 12, 1845.

Conery—John E., born 1848; M. A. (Smith), born 1855.

Cooper—Edgar P., born June 5, 1879; Augusta N. (Ames) born October 7, 1875; Dorothy A., born May 19, 1904.

Condon—Henry J., born March 9, 1825.

Freeman—Charlie I., born May 19, 1888; Mildred L. (Young), born June 24, 1894; Earl R., born September 21, 1909.

Howard—Harvey L., born November 11, 1860; Anna T., born January 22, 1856; Fred G., born May 11, 1887.

Hall—Celestia E. (Tolman), born January 16, 1895.

Long—Charles A. E., born April 8, 1870.

Martelock—John F., born June 21, 1858; Lizzie, born February 25, 1876.

Miller—Rufus, born May 27, 1856; Lydia J. (Ames) born June 6, 1863.

Norton—Fred A., born June 9, 1843; Laurette (Abbott), born December 6, 1847.

Philbrook—Adelbert Tolman, January 2, 1882; Ethel L. (Marsh) born January 23, 1886; Hanson T., born May, 1828; Leroy Miller, born November 22, 1879; Flora E., (Ames) born September 11, 1880; George L., born March 26, 1901; Lila H., born April 13, 1902; Orris L., born December 16, 1904; Henry Alexander born January 6, 1830; Fred N., born September 12, 1869; Jessie M (Ames) born July 7, 1873; Milton, Alvah, born July 31, 1894; Isaac E., born February 7, 1860; Alice E. (Rackliffe), born March 13, 1863; Ralph E., born September 20, 1884; Arthur A., born February 19, 1887.

Peardon—James H., born September 10, 1876; Nora V., born January 19, 1881; Francis B., born December 31, 1904.

Perry—Alex. L., born October 7, 1855.

Ripley—Marshall A., born April 28, 1860; Ida B (Ring) born October 10, 1861; Ibra L., born December 14, 1900; Edwin H., born March 3, 1881; Carrie E. (Abbott), born September 10, 1883; Stanley A., born April 7, 1906; Frank M., born February 17, 1909; Albert M., born March 7, 1884; Isabelle (Ames) born October 17, 1882.

Ring—Charles H., born April, 1860; Amanda E. (Marshall) born August 4, 1859; George L., born January 20, 1892; Hanson O., born July 27, 1895.

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- Smith—Hiram, born April 25, 1857; Ava, born October 5, 1861.
- Tolman—Sally S. (Ames), born November 27, 1827; Charles L., born May 28, 1848; Edith E. (Turner), born March 4, 1865; Raymond L., born April 28, 1898.
- Trask—Kenneth, born March 4, 1907.
- Thompson—Frank A., born April 25, 1882; Eva W. (Holbrook) born May 19, 1886; Norman J., born January 1, 1901; Leron F., born August 20, 1902; Russell M., born July 19, 1904; Charlie A., born March 7, 1907; Weston E., born April 27, 1908; James B., born February 18, 1858; Jennie A. (Philbrook), born September 17, 1864; Eugenia A., born January 25, 1886; Lydia K., born September 6, 1905.
- Teele—Herbert, born November 30, 1876; Etta (Thompson), born January 8, 1891; Helen, born February 8, 1908.
- Wallace—Ellen A. (Tolman), born November 7, 1860; Burton Tolman, born January 30, 1895; Grover C., born November 26, 1884; Maud W., (Parker) born March 4, 1880.
- Young—Henry W., born October 6, 1871; Helen P., (True) born July 5, 1897; Roger K., born July 5, 1901; Clarence L., born April 7, 1858; Adellma L., born July 27, 1877; Addie May, born July 28, 1895.; W. Scott, born October 3, 1863; Marian, born May 9, 1876; Julia F.; E. A., born March 11, 1862; Grace C., born December 23, 1874; Horace R., born September 24, 1892; Clifford B., born August 31, 1894; Hazel M., born August 21, 1896; M. Hanscom, born July 17, 1898; Karl Henry, born October 28, 1900; Jennie Rhodes, born October 21, 1904; Lincoln M., born June 21, 1906; N. B., born May 4, 1846; Druscila (Philbrook), born July 30, 1842; Fred Leroy, born December 15, 1859; Arvesta Jane (Condon), born November 8, 1861; Judson Hendrick, born October———; Ellen Lizzie (Hall),
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Young—born January 4, 1875; Gladys Evelyn, born February 18, 1911; Addie M., born June 18, 1858; LaForest G., born March 24, 1883; May (Howard), born June 22, 1884; Leon L., born August 29, 1878; Cora (Ames) born July 4, 1884; Clyde S., born September 20, 1904, Ruthetta, born October 11, 1905; Merrill C., born April 5, 1907; Maxwell, born May 27, 1908; F. S., born June 17, 1873; Harriet E. (Robbins), born November 18, 1841; John T., born September 18, 1868.



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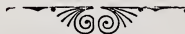
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